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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : Deputy Director for Intelligence
SUBJECT : FBIS White Book

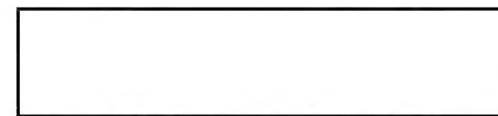
1. Last month you sent me a note from Angus Thuermel (attached) stating that Kraslow (Cox Newspapers) said he would like to see the White Book revived. You asked whether a one-page highlighter could be produced to replace the White Book. The simple answer is that it would not satisfy even the few people (except for Kraslow) who have expressed an interest in reviving the White Book. I question the real needs of a man like Kraslow who realizes five months after the fact that the White Book was discontinued.

2. As to your specific question, a one-page highlighter would be useful only to people who subscribed to the eight area books. Many of those who refused to subscribe did so because of the cost of the subscriptions. Furthermore, to do the review and editing of such a sheet would probably involve one person full time.

3. When we were in the process of closing out the White Book, we sent out an announcement to that effect to the recipients of the 620 copies of the White Book. Five newsmen responded with expressions of regret--five out of over 90 newsmen. Since that time another five or six have noted their regret about the loss of the White Book.

4. Another more useful approach would be to reconstitute the White Book, but this would involve one full-time editor in FBIS and one printer in PSD plus some \$80,000 (1974 prices) for paper and postage. I just don't think we can afford to do this. Even if we charge for the White Book, current Government regulations prevent the reimbursement of the Agency for these costs.

5. A more practical approach would be to have one of the news services subscribe to the eight area books, cull the books, and provide a service for its members. I recommend that Angus Thuemer explore the feasibility of interesting one of his friends in this sort of an endeavor.



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Attachment:

Note from Thuemer

cc: Mr. Thuemer
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